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Examiner: Michael C. MIGGINS

For: A CONTAINER WITH A COATING OF BARRIER EFFECT MATERIAL, AND
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of a Petition to Withdraw Application from Issuance in
accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) and (c)(2) and Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A container having a heterogeneous structure, comprising a material with a barrier effect and a polymer material, wherein the material with a barrier effect is an amorphous carbon material with a polymer tendency which is applied as a coating on a substrate made of the polymer material, said amorphous carbon material with a polymer tendency contains CH, CH² and CH³ bonds in the proportions of ~~25, 60 and 15~~ 15, 60 and 25, respectively, and the proportions of the electronic states sp³, sp² and sp are 53, 45 and 2, respectively.
2. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material with a barrier effect is a nano-composite comprising amorphous carbon with a polymer tendency.
3. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 2, wherein the material with a barrier effect is a nano-composite comprising an amorphous carbon with a polymer tendency and metal atoms.
4. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coating of material with the barrier effect is less than about 300 Å thick.
5. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 4, wherein the coating of material with a barrier effect is between 50 and 1500 Å thick.
6. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer material is a polyolefin.

7. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coating of material with a barrier effect is applied to the substrate inside the container.

8. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coating of material with a barrier effect is applied to the substrate on the exterior of the container.

Claims 9-24 (canceled).

25. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the container is a bottle or flask.

26. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer material is a polyester.

27. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 26, wherein the polyester is PET.

28. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 26, wherein the polyester is PEN.

29. (previously presented): A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material with a barrier effect is applied as a coating on the inner face of said substrate made of the polymer material.

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing this application on September 27, 2004.

Claims 1-8 and 25-29 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended herein. In Claim 1, "25, 60 and 15" has been deleted and replaced with -- 15, 60 and 25 --. Thus, as amended Claim 1 recites that the amorphous carbon with a polymer tendency contains CH, CH² and CH³ bonds in the proportions of 15, 60 and 25.

Applicants submit that the present amendment corrects a typographical error that was made in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) filed January 12, 2004.

Applicants further submit that the prior art does not teach or suggest a container comprising, *inter alia*, a material with a barrier effect, *i.e.*, an amorphous carbon with a polymer tendency, wherein the amorphous carbon with a polymer tendency contains CH, CH² and CH³ bonds in the proportions of 15, 60 and 25.

In the discussion of September 27, 2004, the Examiner indicated that Claim 1, as amended, would be allowable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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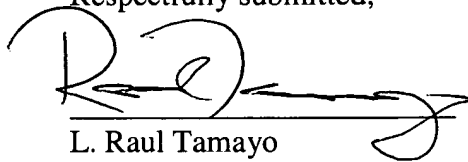
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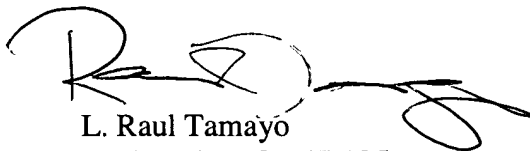
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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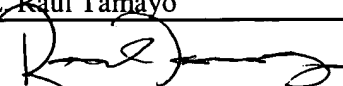
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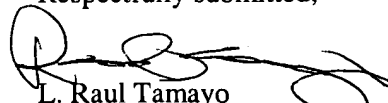
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